

Eudora City Commission Meeting
City Hall – 4 E. 7th Street
Eudora, Kansas
September 22, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order:

Mayor John Fiore

Kenny Massey absent

Tim Reazin

Ruth Hughs

Jolene Born

Quorum noted.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Changes or additions to agenda.

Commissioner Hughs moved to approve the agenda, motion seconded by Commissioner Reazin, all ayes, motion carried, 4-0.

Consent agenda items

- A. Minutes of September 8, 2014 Eudora City Commission Meeting
- B. Warrants against the City of Eudora
- C. Consider Police Department August report
- D. Consider Fire Department August report

Commissioner Reazin moved to approve consent items, motion seconded by Commissioner Hughs, all ayes, motion carried, 4-0.

Public Comments

Public comments were invited and were heard by Barbara Tuttle representing the EudoraFest Committee. She requested EudoraFest be allowed to the use of utility vehicles during the event. Mayor Fiore indicated staff will discuss the request and get in touch with her.

Business items

- A. Set special meeting date Monday, September 29, 2014

City Manager Gary Ortiz outlined the schedule of meetings for the strategic planning retreat with John Divine. The summary of the various meetings will be discussed at a work session during the September 29th special meeting.

Commissioner Hughs moved the City Commission approve a special meeting held on September 29, 2014 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of a work session on strategic planning, motion seconded by Commissioner Reazin, motion carried, all ayes, 4-0.

- B. Consider Ordinance 1024 revising Ordinance 937

City Clerk Schmeck explained on the advice of the city attorney, the Commission needed to approve this ordinance before the water rates could be adjusted by the fee schedule.

Commissioner Reazin moved the City Commission adopt Ordinance 1024 allowing water rates to be revised, motion seconded by Commissioner Hughs, motion carried, all ayes, 4-0.

- C. Set public hearing for vacation of streets on the Nottingham property

Manager Ortiz explained during the process of a conducting a search for an ALTA Survey for the Nottingham property, it was discovered that there were no historical records indicating the streets and alleys were vacated throughout the property. This matter needs to be documented to allow the survey to be completed properly.

Commissioner Hughs moved the City Commission set a public hearing for October 13, 2014 at 7:00 pm for discussion of vacating streets and alleys through the Nottingham property, motion seconded by Commissioner Born, motion carried, all ayes, 4-0.

Mayor and City Commission Comments

Commissioner Massey – Did not attend meeting.

Vice Mayor Reazin – No comments.

Mayor Fiore commented that he enjoyed the monthly police and fire reports that are included in the packets.

Commissioner Hughs thought the curb work looked nice.

Commissioner Born commented the trail at the elementary school looked good. The kids really enjoy running on the asphalt as opposed to dirt.

City Manager and Staff Comments

City Manager Gary Ortiz informed the Commissioners that the police department had stepped up enforcement at the middle and school schools in order to facilitate traffic flow. There is a possibility of Governor Brownback attending the dedication of the improved boat ramp on October 1st at 8:30 am. There will be a brief ceremony followed by a float trip to DeSoto. City crews have improved that area by removing rip rap, pouring stairs down to the river, clearing brush & trees, installed shoring, created platforms to view or fish from, and built a kiosk. When asked by Mayor Fiore for an update on the welcome sign, Manager Ortiz stated the samples of rock for the welcome sign are in the administration office; the core tin steel has been ordered and delivered; waiting on the fabrication of the lettering; engineering plans are complete; meeting with the stone mason tomorrow; and the right of way permit has been delivered. He indicated the Commissioners will receive a report from the police department on the impact the traffic control has to their department and any decisions will be made after reviewing that report.

Public Works Director Mike Hutto was requested by Chief Edwards to install the cables across Church Street in the area of the schools to get a traffic count. The city entered into an agreement to maintain the improved boat ramp area for fifteen years. The state donated over \$32,000 for the improvements with a \$7,000 match from the city. The city is allowed to use labor towards that match. The paving should be completed by Friday, September 26, 2014. He informed the Commission that the tin for the welcome sign has been bent; metal for the tree is in but needs to be cut; and the electric service has been installed.

Police Chief Bill Edwards didn't attend the meeting. Sergeant Tom Willis informed the Commissioners that officers were doing traffic control at the middle and high schools and the feedback has been very positive.

Fire Chief Ken Keiter requested the Commissioners to visit the fire department's Facebook page. They have been posting items to coincide with September being Emergency Preparedness month. October 4th – October 11th is Fire Prevention week and the department is making arrangements to make a presentation to the kids, K-2, at the elementary school on October 9th.

Parks and Recreation Director Gary Scott commented the Farmers Market is over. He needs to schedule time to plant trees in the Shadow Ridge Park area, the trail at the elementary school and the Recreation Center. Youth soccer, flag football, and adult sports including volleyball softball and kick ball are still going on. The trail around Shadow Ridge Park will become a Born Learning trail which focuses on early education and development. Work will begin on this project Saturday, September 27th at 1:00 pm.


Assistant to City Manager Barack Matite introduced Jessica Mortinger who is a transportation planner with the Lawrence – Douglas County Planning & Development Services, and Justin Eddings who is Eudora's representative on the Lawrence Douglas County Bicycle Advisory Committee. They will be attending the work session after the meeting is over.

City Clerk Pam Schmeck – No comments.


Commissioner Born moved to adjourn, motion seconded by Commissioner Reazin, all ayes, motion carried, 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Work Session on sidewalk inventory immediately following Commission meeting.



John Fiore
Mayor



Pam Schmeck
City Clerk